

[23 March, 2001]

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Adequate provisions exist under The Mental Health Act, 1987 which came into effect from 1st April, 1993 to safeguard the fundamental rights to the persons suffering from mental illness.

Misuse of Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act

3044. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the provisions of the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act are openly being flouted;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what has been done to prevent misuse of these provisions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Only a few cases have been reported from the States of Tamil Nadu, Haryana and Punjab.

(c) The responsibility for implementation of the Act rests with the States. The States/UTs have been advised to mount an effective awareness campaign to sensitise both the public as well as the health care providers about the provisions of the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Technique Act. The States/UTs have also been advised to register all health facilities and clinics that could be using ultrasonography equipment. Further leading Non-Government Organisations have been requested to adopt and pursue projects for generating awareness about the provisions of the PNDT Act among doctors/ clinics/law enforcing authorities and the public at large. States/UTs must provide protection to social activists/NGOs who file complaints about violation of the PNDT Act.

World Bank Aided Health Projects in Himachal Pradesh

3045. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some World Bank aided health care projects have been launched in Himachal Pradesh;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocations made for these projects during the last three years; year-wise; and
- (d) what is the allocation made for gaddies and other backward classes in Hilly districts of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Details of World Bank aided Health Projects in Himachal Pradesh are given as under:

RCH PROJECT

The World Bank assisted Reproductive and Child Health Programme launched during 1997-98 is being implemented in all the districts of Himachal Pradesh. This Programme aims at strengthening the Primary Health Care System by providing Additional ANMs, PHNStaff Nurse, Lab Technicians, Safe Motherhood Consultants and Anesthetists on contractual basis besides supply of vaccines, drugs and equipments and strengthening of Management Information System, Social Mobilisation, NGOs participating and training activities etc. for implementation of the programme. The approved outlay for the RCH Programme is Rs. 5112.53 crores during the 9th Plan Period.

The year-wise details of cash and kind assistance provided to Himachal Pradesh under RCH Programme during the last 3 years are as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Kind	Cash	Total
1997-98	267.15	253.59	520.74
1998-99	318.87	383.25	701.12
1999-2000	216.87	252.96	469.83

RCH SUB PROJECT

A World Bank assisted RCH Sub-Project is under implementation in Kinnaur District of Himachal Pradesh from 1997 at a total cost of Rs. 3.65 crores. The sub-project is intended to address the gaps in the delivery of family welfare and health care services in the district by improving services to the disadvantaged groups and envisages financing for the building of the sub-centres, PHCs, ANMTCs and FRUs as well as renovation of existing facilities, Consultant services for programme and financial management and implementation, support for clinical and other skill training, IEC and RCH schemers. Against the release of Rs. 1.00 crore, the sub-project has, so far, reported an expenditure of Rs. 42.00 lakhs only. No separate allocation has been made for Gaddies and other Backward classes.

National Leprosy Eradication Programme

The World Bank assisted National Leprosy Eradication Programme for a period of 6 years was undertaken in all the States including Himachal Pradesh in 1993-94. Under the programme all the districts in the country are providing free Multi Drug Therapy (MDT) services for detection and treatment of Leprosy patients.

The funds allocated to the State of Himachal Pradesh during the last three years is given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)				
Year	Cash Assistance	Cost of Drugs	Release to District Leprosy Societies	Total
1998-99	10.50	6.76	91.27	108.53
1999-2000	9.97	0.16	44.37	54.50
2000-2001	8.90	3.93	39.00	51.83

In addition, Rs. 44.13 lakhs was allocated to the State in 1999-

2000 for conducting the Second Modified Leprosy Elimination Campaign (MLEC).

Funds are allocated to the State include allocation of Gaddies and other backward classes of the State.

Revised National TB Control Programme

Whole of Himachal Pradesh has been covered under World Bank aided Revised National TB Control Programme. Out of 12 districts, service delivery have started in 8 districts and 2 districts (BOaspur & Kullu) are likely to start service delivery by end of March, 2001 and another two districts Charriba and Kinnuar will start service delivery in June, 2001.

Funds allocated under this project for last three years are given as below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Amount
1998-99	124.96
1999-2000	133.64
2000-2001	116.52

In TB Control Programme services are provided to all the patients free of costs irrespective of religion, caste, greed, age, sex etc. However, under RNTCP norms have been relaxed for tribal and backward areas as under:

- Opening of TU for every 2.5 lac population against norms of 5 lacs.
- Opening of microscopy centres in 50,000 population against norms of 1 lakh.
- Provision of reimbursement of transport expenses for patients and attendants while coming to the DOT Centre for taking treatment.